

HOUSE BILL 662

By Hulsey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 1 and Title 2, Chapter 13, relative to political parties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-1-104(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (23) and substituting instead the following language:

(23) "Recognized minor party" means any group or association that has successfully petitioned by filing with the coordinator of elections a petition which shall conform to requirements established by the coordinator of elections, but which must at a minimum bear the signatures of five thousand (5,000) registered voters, and on each page of the petition, state its purpose, state its name, and contain the names of registered voters from a single county;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-1-104(a), is further amended by deleting subdivision (30) and substituting instead the following language:

(30) "Statewide political party" means a political party at least one (1) of whose candidates for an office to be elected by voters of the entire state in the past six (6) calendar years has received a number of votes equal to at least one and one-half percent (1 ½%) of the total number of votes cast for gubernatorial candidates in the most recent election of governor.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.